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Remarks: General

The claims have been amended by rewriting Claim 1 for the purpose of presenting therein a more detailed description of certain features of particular interest that are included among the various embodiments of this invention. No new matter is added by this amendment. Claim 46 has been amended to provide a preferred form as to the syntax and/or form of grammatical expression in the claim.

In addition, Claims 3-6 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. With the cancellation of Claims 3-6, Claims 1, 11-12 and 43-47 are now active in the application.

A petition under 37 CFR §1.136 for a one-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding action is enclosed, the fee for which should be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

By Applicant's calculation, no fee is due by reason of these amendments to the claims, or by the submission of this paper on May 12, 2008 inasmuch as May 10, 2008 was a Saturday. If, however, that calculation is in error, or if any fee other than or in addition to that mentioned specifically above is required to authorize or obtain consideration of this response, please charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1928.

Applicant hereby requests entry of the above described amendments, and requests reconsideration and further examination of the application in view of those amendments and the reasons it has set forth below for allowance of the claims.

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Remarks: Detailed Action

I.

In Item 2, the Examiner has rejected Claim 46 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In view of the amendment made to Claim 46 herein, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of that claim under 35 U.S.C. §112.

II.

In Item 3, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 3, 5, 11-12 and 43-45 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by US 2004/0038028 ("Tanaka"). Claims 3 and 5 have been cancelled.

In Item 5, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 4, 6, 12 and 47 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over US 2002/0084550 ("Roberts"). Claims 4 and 6 have been cancelled.

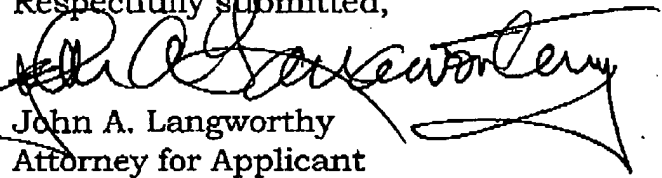
Applicant encloses the declaration of Bryan B. Sauer, one of the inventors in this application, which states that he prepared in the U.S. prior to July 17, 2001 a fiber as described by Claim 1. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that Tanaka and Roberts should be removed as references against the pending claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of all pending claims over the Tanaka and Roberts references.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been properly traversed, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, request for which is hereby respectfully made.

Respectfully submitted,



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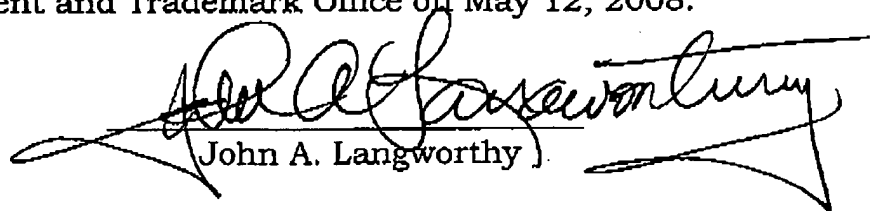
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